

TONY HORSEMAN LEAVES BLUES

THE 17 year bond between Wycombe Wanderers and their favourite son Tony Horseman has come to an end. By mutual consent Horseman is leaving the Blues after one of the most illustrious careers in the history of the club.

On news of his departure from Loakes Park, several clubs raced to obtain the services of this young 37-year-old who was Wycombe's leading scorer last season.

But it seems possible that Bodger may join his former Wanderers teammate John Delaney who last week took over as player-manager of Tring Town.

Tring, the ambitious Hertfordshire club who play in the Isthmian League Division Two, lost their manager for three years Cliff Stevens, because of a sudden departure of several players.

John Delaney, has been brought from Sutton to fill the breach and club secretary Derrick Smith, who lives and works in Wycombe, hopes that 'Big John' will bring with him some experienced players so that the club can flourish.

One of the players who would help in this cause is Horseman, of whom Mr Smith says, "I still think he can do a grand job for us. Tony has been one of our targets for the past couple of years. But of course, he was unavailable."

LOYALTY

This is because he was essentially loyal to Wycombe as long as both club and player thought he had something to offer. It was this loyalty that club chairman Reg Williams touched on when talking

about Horseman's defender Garry Fowles from Harrow Borough. He is a strong central defender who can also play at full-back.

Another back-four man, Steve Hardwick, played a friendly for Blues at the back end of last season.

A new midfield man is Dave Allenson from Witney Town, while three possible strikers are Steve Long from Loughborough College and Burton Albion, Stewart Atkins (Chesham) and the former Chalfont St Peter Terry Scott who joined Andy Williams at Hitchin last season and played well against the Blues.

OLD FAVOURITES

Otherwise all the old favourites of John Maskell, Keith Mead, Alan Phillips, Bobby Davies, Mick Holfield, Derek Harris and Dylan Evans will be there, for what should be an interesting game.

The Malawi side, managed of course by the former Blues boss, are currently on a tour of Britain and so far they have not tasted success. They lost 6-1 to Chelsea, 1-0 to Sutton and 4-0 to Wimbledon.

They have suffered badly from injuries but should nevertheless provide interesting opposition for Wycombe as they try to sort out their side for the opening Isthmian League game of the season at Dagenham on August 19.